

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### by videoconference (Zoom)

1. **Apologies for absence.** Charles Beresford, Liz Davies, Denise Eades, Bridget Flanagan, Ian Gaunt, Val Hunter, Sue Sampson, Ann-Marie and Christopher Sykes.
2. **Minutes of 2019 AGM.** The Minutes of the 2019 AGM were signed as correct by the Chairman, Philip Saunders.
3. **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** David Smith reported that the Society continues to be in a sound financial position. Kathy Ray, the Independent Inspector of the Society's accounts, having checked them, has certified them as an accurate representation of our financial affairs. During the course of 2019 the Society's net worth increased from £163K to £184K due to the increase in value of our investments.  
However our membership fell slightly from 187 to 170. We had 14 new members but 3 had died, 5 resigned and 23 were removed as they had failed to pay subscriptions for the past two years.
5. **The Goodliff Bequest.** Kate Hadley reported that there had been ten successful applications for an award in 2019:
  - a. Mike Addis to create Lego models of Huntingdonshire buildings.
  - b. Peter Cooper for maps of Holywell-cum-Needingworth.
  - c. Sally Croft and Quinton Carroll to preserve and catalogue Michael Green's Godmanchester research material.
  - d. Ramsey Rural Museum for information cards.
  - e. Sawtry History Society for a bespoke QGIS training course.
  - f. Publication of a history of the Church of St Mary in Godmanchester.
  - g. Godmanchester Museum for information boards.
  - h. Publication of a history of the village, people, and Church of Leighton Bromswold.
  - i. To the Norris Museum for its school's learning and outreach programme.KH also gave a preview of Anne James's 2020 application.
6. **Excursions Report.** David Cozens reported that four excursions had taken place in 2019:
  - a. Peterborough in September (postponed from June due to rain)
  - b. Little Gidding in August
  - c. Southwell Minster and Corby Glen church, in August, with CHCT and CALH.
  - d. Eye Church and Wingfield College, Suffolk, in September together with the CALH.

**7. The Editor's Report.** Richard Halliday reported that little had happened in terms of new submissions for the Records until two recent appeals which had resulted in two submissions being made in the previous week as well as other expressions of interest. He hoped that other submissions would arrive within the next few weeks.

**8. Election of Officers and members of the committee.**

David Smith proposed Philip Saunders as Chairman for the next year. Richard Cook was proposed as Minutes Secretary by Philip Saunders. David Cozens was willing to continue as Vice Chairman and David Smith was willing to continue as Treasurer. They were all duly elected.

David Smith nominated Caroline Clifford and she was elected to the committee. Philip Saunders proposed that the other committee members be elected en bloc which duly happened.

We did not expect a replacement for Caroline Clifford as Local Studies representative but Sue Sampson of Archives Service was now expected to attend meetings. It was agreed that the Norris Museum, the Ramsey Rural Museum and the St Neots Museum should continue to be represented on the committee.

**9. Election of a person qualified to inspect the accounts.**

Kathy Ray was nominated by the committee.

**10. Any other business.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm after which Stuart Orme gave a presentation entitled 'Mrs Cromwell's Cookbook: Food, Dining and Politics in the Seventeenth Century'.

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